



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
May 5, 2008**

The AWIB Retreat is scheduled for May 19th at the Alaska Vocational Training Center (AVTEC) Student Services Building in Seward. Christi Bell, Executive Director of the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development will be the facilitator for the board retreat. A self-assessment survey was sent to all AWIB members with a response requested by May 2nd. Please make sure you have completed the survey as this will help with the facilitation of the retreat.

The AWIB Business Meeting is scheduled for May 20th and 21st at the AVTEC Student Services Building in Seward. We have a full agenda including industry panels from education and the oil and gas industry, a tour of AVTEC, an update on the AGIA Strategic Training Plan and registered apprenticeship, an overview of the FY 09 Budget and legislative session, and a work session for all committees including the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) who have been invited to the meeting. We have also invited the Mayor, City Manager, and representatives from the Alaska Railroad, Borough Assembly, and School Board in Seward to attend the AWIB Business Meeting.

We hope to have both the AWIB Retreat and Business Meeting materials posted on the AWIB website by May 5th. Hard copies of the binders will be available at the meeting in Seward.

We have five new members of the AWIB including Sharlene Berg (private industry), John Cannon (professional w/exp. developmental disabilities), Tony Delia (private industry), Jim Lynch (business/industry), and Paulette Schuerch (native organization representing employment & training). Dave Rees and Linda Hulbert were re-appointed to four year terms. Rosters have been updated to reflect the new board members. Please welcome our new members to the board!

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 10:00 a.m.
- The AWIB Retreat is scheduled for May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- The AWIB Business Meeting is scheduled for May 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Status of Current Projects

- The Training Plan Template will be reviewed at the May AWIB meeting.
- The formation of a health care industry panel will be discussed at the next Workforce Readiness/Employment and Placement Committee meeting to begin work on a workforce development plan for this industry.

AGIA Strategic Planning Document

An electronic copy of the most recent draft of the AGIA Training Strategic Plan is available at http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf. Commissioner Bishop and Fred Esposito, AVTEC Director will give an update of the plan at the May AWIB Business meeting.

DOL AGIA Website

AGIA Resource Documents are located at labor.state.ak.us/agia%5Fteams/.

AWIB Website

A new Photo Gallery icon has been created on the AWIB website at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/photos.htm> that will be updated with pictures of each board meeting.